

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A nesting chair comprising:

a self supporting seat base comprising:

a first leg member including a front leg portion, a rear leg portion, and a generally horizontal portion, the leg portions having lower floor contacting ends and opposite upper ends, the generally horizontal portion extending between and interconnecting the upper ends of the leg portions,

a second leg member spaced from the first leg member, the second leg member including a front leg portion, a rear leg portion, and a generally horizontal portion, the leg portions having lower floor contacting ends and opposite upper ends, the generally horizontal portion extending between and interconnecting the upper ends of the leg portions, [[and]]

each of the horizontal portions having a midpoint with a rear section defined rearward of the midpoint; and

at least one transverse member extending between and interconnecting the rear section of the generally horizontal portion of the first leg member and the rear section of the generally horizontal portion of the second leg member, the at least one transverse member providing fore and aft spaced apart attachment points;

wherein the first and second leg members and the at least one transverse member together form a self supporting base;

a seat cushion supported in a generally horizontal position by the seat base, the seat cushion having a front edge, a rear edge, and a pair of opposing side edges;

a generally L-shaped back support bracket having a first generally horizontal end non-rotatably connected solely to and supported by the fore and aft attachment points of the at least one transverse member of the base and a second generally vertical end extending upwardly adjacent the rear edge of the seat cushion; and

a seat back connected to the second end of the back support bracket and extending upwardly therefrom.

2. (Original) The nesting chair according to claim 1, wherein the at least one transverse member comprises a pair of transverse members, the first end of the back support bracket being connected to both of the transverse members.

3. (Original) The nesting chair according to claim 2, wherein the pair of transverse members are generally parallel to each other.

4. (Original) The nesting chair according to claim 1, wherein the horizontal portions of each of the leg members are bent inwardly toward each other such that a midportion of each horizontal portion is inboard of the side edges of the seat cushion.

5. (Original) The nesting chair according to claim 1, wherein the at least one transverse member is disposed forward of the rear edge of the seat cushion.

6. - 7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The nesting chair according to claim 1, wherein the leg members are symmetrically arranged on opposite sides of a central plane, the horizontal portions of the leg members each including a rear section, a central region, and a front section, the central regions being closest to the central plane with the front and rear sections angling outwardly away from the central plane.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The nesting chair according to claim 1, wherein the seat cushion has an underside that defines a generally horizontal plane, the seat base being entirely disposed below the horizontal plane.

11. (Currently Amended) A nesting chair comprising:
a self supporting seat base comprising:

a first leg member formed from a first continuous piece of tubing and including a front leg portion, a rear leg portion, and a generally horizontal portion, the leg portions having lower floor contacting ends and opposite upper ends, the generally horizontal portion extending between and interconnecting the upper ends of the leg portions,

a second leg member spaced from the first leg member, the second leg member formed from a second continuous piece of tubing and including a front leg portion, a rear leg portion, and a generally horizontal portion, the leg portions having lower floor contacting ends and opposite upper ends, the generally horizontal portion extending between and interconnecting the upper ends of the leg portions, [[and]]

each of the horizontal portions having a midpoint with a rear section defined rearward of the midpoint; and

at least one transverse member extending between and interconnecting the rear section of the generally horizontal portion of the first leg member and the rear section of the generally horizontal portion of the second leg member, the at least one transverse member providing fore and aft spaced apart attachment points;

wherein the first and second leg members and the at least one transverse member together form a self supporting base;

a seat cushion supported in a generally horizontal position by the chair base, the seat cushion having a front edge, a rear edge, and a pair of opposing side edges;

a generally L-shaped back support bracket having a first generally horizontal end non-rotatably connected solely to and supported by the fore and aft attachment points of the at least one transverse member of the base and a second generally vertical end extending upwardly adjacent the rear edge of the seat cushion; and

a seat back connected to the second end of the back support bracket and extending upwardly therefrom.

12. (Original) The nesting chair according to claim 11, wherein the at least one transverse member comprises a pair of transverse members, the first end of the back support bracket being connected to both of the transverse members.

13. (Original) The nesting chair according to claim 12, wherein the pair of transverse members are generally parallel to each other.

14. (Previously Presented) The nesting chair according to claim 11, wherein the horizontal portions of each of the leg members are bent inwardly toward each other such that a midportion of each horizontal portion is inboard of the side edges of the seat cushion.

15. (Original) The nesting chair according to claim 11, wherein the at least one transverse member is disposed forward of the rear edge of the seat cushion.

16. (Original) The nesting chair according to claim 11, wherein the back support bracket is sufficiently flexible such that the seat back may flex with respect to the seat cushion when leaned on.

17. (Original) The nesting chair according to claim 11, wherein the leg members are symmetrically arranged on opposite sides of a central plane, the horizontal portions of the leg members each including a rear section, a central region, and a front section, the central regions being closest to the central plane with the front and rear sections angling outwardly away from the central plane.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The nesting chair according to claim 11, wherein the seat cushion has an underside that defines a generally horizontal plane, the seat base being entirely disposed below the horizontal plane.

20. (Currently Amended) A nesting chair comprising:
a self supporting seat base comprising:

a first leg member including a front leg portion, a rear leg portion, and a generally horizontal portion, the leg portions having lower floor contacting ends and opposite upper

ends, the generally horizontal portion extending between and interconnecting the upper ends of the leg portions,

a second leg member spaced from the first leg member, the second leg member including a front leg portion, a rear leg portion, and a generally horizontal portion, the leg portions having lower floor contacting ends and opposite upper ends, the generally horizontal portion extending between and interconnecting the upper ends of the leg portions, [[and]]

each of the horizontal portions having a midpoint with a rear section defined rearward of the midpoint; and

at least one transverse member extending between and interconnecting the rear section of the generally horizontal portion of the first leg member and the rear section of the generally horizontal portion of the second leg member, the at least one transverse member providing fore and aft spaced apart attachment points;

wherein the first and second leg members and the at least one transverse member together form a self supporting base;

a seat cushion supported in a generally horizontal position by the seat base, the seat cushion having a front edge, a rear edge, and a pair of opposing side edges;

a generally L-shaped back support bracket having a first generally horizontal end non-rotatably connected solely to and supported by the fore and aft attachment points of the at least one transverse member of the base and a second generally vertical end extending upwardly adjacent the rear edge of the seat cushion; and

a seat back connected to the second end of the back support bracket and extending upwardly therefrom;

wherein the back support bracket is sufficiently flexible such that the seat back may flex with respect to the seat cushion when leaned on.

21. (Previously Presented) A nesting chair comprising:

a self supporting seat base comprising:

a first leg member including a front leg portion, a rear leg portion, and a generally horizontal portion, the leg portions having lower floor contacting ends and opposite upper ends, the generally horizontal portion extending between and interconnecting the upper ends of the leg portions,

a second leg member spaced from the first leg member, the second leg member including a front leg portion, a rear leg portion, and a generally horizontal portion, the leg portions having lower floor contacting ends and opposite upper ends, the generally horizontal portion extending between and interconnecting the upper ends of the leg portions, [[and]]

each of the horizontal portions having a midpoint with a rear section defined rearward of the midpoint; and

at least one transverse member extending between and interconnecting the rear section of the generally horizontal portion of the first leg member and the rear section of the generally horizontal portion of the second leg member, the at least one transverse member providing fore and aft spaced apart attachment points;

wherein the first and second leg members and the at least one transverse member together form a self supporting base;

a seat cushion supported in a generally horizontal position by the seat base, the seat cushion having a front edge, a rear edge, and a pair of opposing side edges;

wherein the horizontal portions of each of the leg members are bent inwardly toward each other such that a midportion of each horizontal portion is inboard of the side edges of the seat cushion;

a generally L-shaped back support bracket having a first generally horizontal end connected solely to and supported by the fore and aft attachment points of the at least one transverse member of the base and a second generally vertical end extending upwardly adjacent the rear edge of the seat cushion; and

a seat back connected to the second end of the back support bracket and extending upwardly therefrom.

22. (Previously Presented) The nesting chair according to claim 21, wherein the at least one transverse member comprises a pair of transverse members, the first end of the back support bracket being connected to both of the transverse members.

23. (Previously Presented) The nesting chair according to claim 22, wherein the pair of transverse members are generally parallel to each other.

24. (Previously Presented) The nesting chair according to claim 21, wherein the at least one transverse member is disposed forward of the rear edge of the seat cushion.

25. (Previously Presented) The nesting chair according to claim 21, wherein the back support bracket is sufficiently flexible such that the seat back may flex with respect to the seat cushion when leaned on.

26. (Previously Presented) The nesting chair according to claim 21, wherein the first leg member of the base is unitarily formed from a first continuous piece of tubing and the second leg member is unitarily formed from the second continuous piece of tubing.

27. (Previously Presented) The nesting chair according to claim 21, wherein the leg members are symmetrically arranged on opposite sides of a central plane, the horizontal portions of the leg members each including a rear section, a central region, and a front section, the central regions being closest to the central plane with the front and rear sections angling outwardly away from the central plane.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A nesting chair comprising:

a self supporting seat base comprising:

a first leg member including a front leg portion, a rear leg portion, and a generally horizontal portion, the leg portions having lower floor contacting ends and opposite upper ends, the generally horizontal portion extending between and interconnecting the upper ends of the leg portions,

a second leg member spaced from the first leg member, the second leg member including a front leg portion, a rear leg portion, and a generally horizontal portion, the leg

portions having lower floor contacting ends and opposite upper ends, the generally horizontal portion extending between and interconnecting the upper ends of the leg portions, and

each of the horizontal portions having a midpoint with a rear section defined rearward of the midpoint; and

at least one transverse member extending between and interconnecting the rear section of the generally horizontal portion of the first leg member and the rear section of the generally horizontal portion of the second leg member, the at least one transverse member providing fore and aft spaced apart attachment points;

wherein the first and second leg members and the at least one transverse member together form a self supporting base;

a seat cushion supported in a generally horizontal position by the seat base, the seat cushion having a front edge, a rear edge, and a pair of opposing side edges, the seat cushion having an underside that defines a generally horizontal plane, the seat base being entirely disposed below the horizontal plane;

a generally L-shaped back support bracket having a first generally horizontal end connected solely to and supported by the fore and aft attachment points of the at least one transverse member of the base and a second generally vertical end extending upwardly adjacent the rear edge of the seat cushion; and

a seat back connected to the second end of the back support bracket and extending upwardly therefrom.

30. (Previously Presented) The nesting chair according to claim 29, wherein the at least one transverse member comprises a pair of transverse members, the first end of the back support bracket being connected to both of the transverse members.

31. (Previously Presented) The nesting chair according to claim 30, wherein the pair of transverse members are generally parallel to each other.

32. (Previously Presented) The nesting chair according to claim 29, wherein the at least one transverse member is disposed forward of the rear edge of the seat cushion.

33. (Previously Presented) The nesting chair according to claim 29, wherein the back support bracket is sufficiently flexible such that the seat back may flex with respect to the seat cushion when leaned on.

34. (Previously Presented) The nesting chair according to claim 29, wherein the leg members are symmetrically arranged on opposite sides of a central plane, the horizontal portions of the leg members each including a rear section, a central region, and a front section, the central regions being closest to the central plane with the front and rear sections angling outwardly away from the central plane.

35. (Canceled)